



NOTICE FROM THE EMS CERTIFICATION COMMISSION

ORDER ALLOWING TEMPORARY LICENSURE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS LICENSED OUT-OF-STATE

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Louisiana Health Emergency Powers Act, R.S. 29:760, *et seq.*, a state of public health emergency resulting from the outbreak of “coronavirus disease 2019” (“COVID-19”) was declared to exist in the entire State of Louisiana by Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020;

WHEREAS, under La. R.S. 29:769(E), the EMS Certification Commission is authorized during a declared state of public health emergency to issue emergency temporary permits authorizing ~~EMTs~~ EMS Practitioners licensed and in good standing in other states to practice in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the EMS Certification Commission has determined that there is good cause to issue such permits at this time, due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority granted by La. R.S. 29:769(E), and for the reasons stated hereinabove, the EMS Certification Commission hereby directs that an ~~Emergency Medical Technician~~ EMS Practitioner, including the designations of Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Advanced EMT, Paramedic, EMT-Basic (EMT-B), EMT-Intermediate (EMT-I), and EMT-Paramedic (EMT-P) licensed in another state may obtain a permit to temporarily practice in the State of Louisiana, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The individual must be duly licensed and in good standing in another state;
2. The individual must practice in Louisiana in good faith and within the scope of practice limitations set forth in La. R.S. 29:788;
3. The individual must cease practicing in Louisiana upon the termination or rescission of this Order or of the declared state of emergency cited herein, or any extension thereof;
4. The individual must cease practicing in Louisiana if the Bureau of EMS rescinds the temporary permit issued to the individual;
5. Subject to item numbers “3.” and “4.” above, permits issued pursuant to this order will be retroactive to March 13, 2020 and will expire 60 days from that date, subject to extension by the EMS Certification Commission;
6. An individual seeking a temporary permit under this Order shall submit a copy of his out-of-state license, together with photo identification, to the Bureau of EMS by emailing these documents to EMS.Commission@la.gov. A temporary permit shall not be considered issued until the individual applicant receives written approval from the Bureau of EMS, which approval may be given by email; and
7. Individuals holding a temporary permit pursuant to this order may practice in Louisiana on a gratuitous or non-gratuitous basis.

THUS DONE AND ISSUED this 16 day of March, 2020.

Dr. Jeffrey Elder, Chair